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EXDIS, KOOLAID, FOR DAVID ANDERSON (S/S) ONLY FROM PETER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL APPEARANCES

1. AFTER EXTENSIVE SOUNDINGS WITH H AND KEY HILL STAFFERS,
I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING IDEAS TO
MR. VANCE FOR HIS CONSIDERATION:

(A) BREAKFAST IN THE DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 26: JACK JAVITS
WOULD PUT TOGETHER A GROUP OF KEY SENATORS TO DISCUSS THE
MIDDLE EAST ARMS PACKAGE JUST BEFORE IT IS OFFICIALLY SUB-
MITTED. IN ADDITION TO FULFILLING HIS PROMISE TO JAVITS
TO TRY HIS BEST TO APPEAR ON THIS ISSUE, JAVITS AND KEY
SENATE STAFFERS MAINTAIN THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD DEFUSE
SENATE DEMANDS THAT MR. VANCE TESTIFY FORMALLY ON THE
PACKAGE BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR MEXICO. A LETTER FROM JAVITS
TO MR. VANCE RECEIVED TODAY IS BEING SENT SEPTEL.

(B) SFRC TESTIMONY ON THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN: MR. VANCE
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PREFERRED TO DO THIS ON APRIL 28 RATHER THAN ON MAY 2.
UNFORTUNATELY, THE SFRC HAD FIRMLY SCHEDULED OTHER HEARINGS
ON APRIL 28 AND IS VERY RELUCTANT TO CHANGE THIS. THERE IS
STRONG SENTIMENT HERE THAT MR. VANCE'S TESTIMONY WILL BE
VITAL ON THIS ISSUE. AT THE SAME TIME, HE WILL BE ABLE TO
USE AN UPDATED AND SLIGHTLY REVISED VERSION OF HIS APRIL 6
TESTIMONY ON THE SUBJECT. HAROLD BROWN AND CLARK CLIFFORD

ARE READY TO APPEAR WITH HIM ON MAY 2.

2. IF MR. VANCE CAN SEE HIS WAY TO ACCEPTING THE TWO
SESSIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, WE WILL HAVE GONE A LONG WAY TO
SATISFY SYMPATHETIC BUT PRESSING CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST
IN SEEING HIM IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN.

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